

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for re-accommodating passengers who are unable to travel on scheduled flights by an airline, comprising the steps of:

identifying passengers who must be re-accommodated;

for each identified passenger, obtaining passenger data including a frequent flyer status, a remaining unflown ticket value, a rebooking cost, a passenger lifetime value, and customer relationship management data, and flight operations data including flight schedule and seat availability on the airline and competitor airlines;

processing the passenger data and the flight operations data based on a set of rules including at least one among a rule for arranging said identified passengers according to a descending revenue impact to the airline, a rule for arranging said identified passengers according to passenger frequent flyer status, and a rule for arranging said identified passengers according to a lifetime value of each passenger, wherein the processing is to be completed in a timely fashion in order to avoid additional costs including meal and hotel accommodation cost;

displaying re-accommodation candidates as a result of the processing; and

selecting passengers for re-accommodation from the re-accommodation candidates.

2-6. (Cancelled).

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7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said passenger data comprises re-accommodation data.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the processing step comprises scoring passengers based on the set of rules, and displaying the score of each passenger.

9-23. (Cancelled).